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REQUEST TO AMEND DRAWINGS

Sir:

Further to applicants' preliminary amendment dated January 4, 2002, permission is requested to amend FIG. 3 of the above-identified application as indicated in red on the copy of the drawing attached hereto. By the requested change, applicants seek to correct a typographical error. Applicants submit that the amendment will not add new matter to the disclosure of the present application and, therefore, that the amendment should be enterable.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed change, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000. Additionally, in the event that there are any fees due and owing, the Examiner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 12-1095 therefor.

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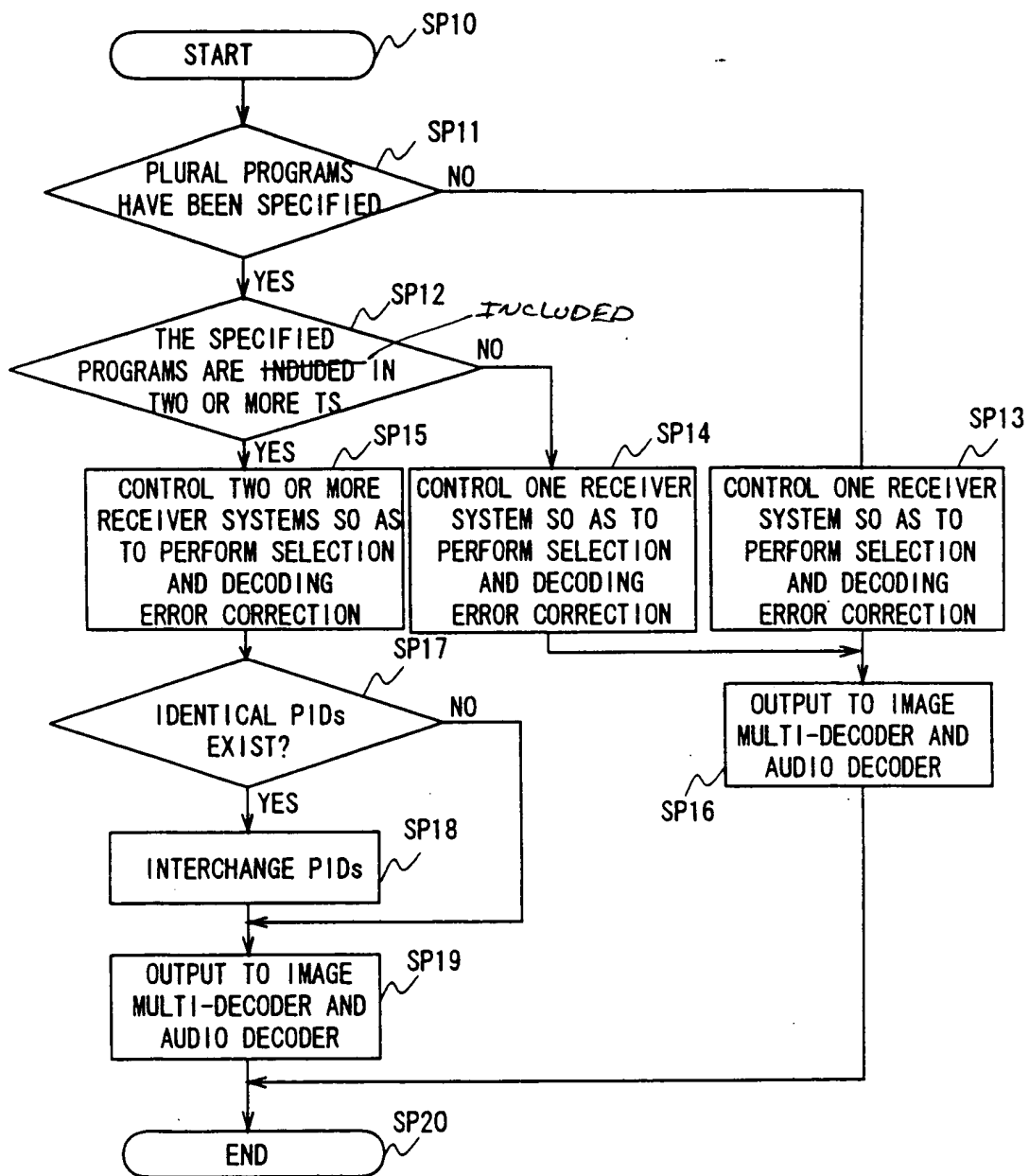


FIG. 3